



I would like to introduce our organization to the students and faculty of your high school. We are members of the Quality Deer Management Association from Bogart, Georgia with a local branch, Pennsylvania National Pike Branch #2223, supporting Western Pennsylvania. One of the missions is to support young outdoor men and women who will develop into future stewards of the great outdoors. We are offering an educational award to help make this a reality for one young outdoor man/woman.

Enclosed is an application for the \$500.00 awards. Please feel free to make as many copies as needed. We would hope that several of your students qualify and want to apply. A \$500.00 award will be presented in Fayette County and a \$500.00 award will be presented in Westmoreland County. All of the guidelines for applying and due dates are listed in the application. Please make sure ALL of the guidelines and due dates are met.

This is an annual part of the Pennsylvania National Pike Branch #2223 support projects. Educating young outdoor men and women is the way to maintain our great heritage. You will be notified if one of your students wins the award. We will be happy to send representatives to your school to make the presentation of the award to your winner. Simple notify us of the date and time of your award program and we will be there. Please help us by encouraging your students apply. I can be contacted at 724-438-6992 or [bozick8383@gmail.com](mailto:bozick8383@gmail.com). if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Pete Bozick

Pennsylvania National Pike Branch #2223 Member



**QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL PIKE BRANCH**

## **JAMES D. MATHIAS MEMORIAL AWARD**

**GET AN APPLICATION FROM YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**

**\$500.00 TO USE AS YOU NEED FOR YOUR POST HIGH SCHOOL  
EDUCATION.**

**DON'T MISS THE APRIL DEADLINE TO APPLY**

**STUDENTS ARE THE FUTURE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S WILDLIFE**

**PLEASE POST IN AN AREA THAT STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO REVIEW THE POSTER.**

Please make this announcement on your PA system for three day in the months of January, February, March, and the first week in April. Thank you for helping QDAM find a deserving student.

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Quality Deer Management Association would like to invite Seniors to apply for a five hundred dollars cash award. You can find out more about the award and pick-up an application from your guidance counselor. You must apply before the deadline in April, 2016. Remember this is five hundred dollars that you can use to meet any of your educational needs. Visit your guidance counselor today.

QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL PIKE BRANCH #2223

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JAMES D. MATHIAS MEMORIAL AWARD

**The Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA)** is a non-profit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage.

Founded in 1988, the QDMA has nearly 50,000 members in all 50 states and several foreign countries. Since the beginning, QDMA has worked to educate its members and all deer hunters about the benefits of the Quality Deer Management (QDM) philosophy. This effort – aided by the support of numerous member-volunteers, corporate sponsors, and other QDM advocates – has rapidly increased awareness and implementation of QDM throughout North America, resulting in healthier, more balanced deer populations and more rewarding hunting experiences. As it grew in membership and influence, QDMA also began working to secure a sustainable future for wild white-tailed deer through practical research and by advocating for wise policy and regulation that will protect our hunting heritage. Additionally, QDMA works to attract, assist, educate and guide young and new hunters to ensure they become tomorrow's stewards of whitetails and all wildlife.

**The QDMA promotes:**

- Safe and ethical hunting.
- Adherence to wildlife and trespass laws.
- Appropriate harvests of adult does where needed.
- Restraint in harvesting young bucks.
- Hunter involvement in education and management.
- Cooperation with wildlife biologists and enforcement officers.
- Education of hunters and non-hunters toward a better understanding of wildlife management.
- Stewardship and appreciation of all wildlife.

The Pennsylvania National Pike Branch of QDMA not only believes in hunting the whitetail but also in caring for it through the four cornerstones of QDMA: herd management, habitat management, herd monitoring and hunter management. In order to support the four cornerstones, the Pennsylvania National Pike Branch of QDMA has established an award to encourage the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow in white-tail deer management.

The James D. Mathias Memorial Award is being offered in memory of a devoted sportsman who dedicated his life to helping young people reach their full potential. James was a hunter, youth

coach in baseball and football, volunteer with the Farmington Fire Department and a loving father and husband. It is in his honor that this award is presented to the future leaders.

The Pennsylvania National Pike Branch of QDMA will make the James D. Mathias Memorial Awards available to high school seniors based on the counties serviced by the Pennsylvania National Pike Branch. Seniors may apply for the award based on the following guidelines:

- The student must be a senior in high school.
- The student can only apply once in their educational career for the award.
- The student must reside in Fayette or Westmoreland County (one award per county).
- The student must have an overall high school grade point average of 3.0 GPA.
- The student must have maintained an overall 95% attendance record.
- The student must demonstrate leadership and citizenship that exemplifies the American spirit and a respect for the outdoors.
- The student must major in a program that will benefit animals of the wild (white-tail deer, ect), plants/trees of the wild, law-enforcement of the wild or fields of study that will help to improve the natural resources related to benefiting white-tail deer.

To apply for the award, students must submit all of the following:

1. Complete the attached application, including a 300 to 500 word essay. Select from the topics listed on the essay form.
2. One written reference from a faculty member. This can be a teacher, coach, sponsor or administrator.
3. Plan to attend an accredited technical or career school, college or university. Proof of acceptance required (copy of acceptance letter, ect.).
4. Provide an official copy of the student's High School transcript and a copy of the student's report card for the first three grading periods (if possible, two minimum) of the student's senior year.

The Pennsylvania National Pike Branch of QDMA selection committee will select make a decision based on the information submitted and will make the presentation of the award during the High School's Award Event. **Payment of the award will be made directly to the student.**

**All application materials should be mailed to Pennsylvania National Pike Branch, 317 Airway Inn Road, Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401**  
**Attention: John Hustosky, Sr. The application materials must be received by third Monday in April. Missing the due date or any missing application material will disqualify the student from competing for the scholarship.**

**QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL PIKE BRANCH #2223  
JAMES D. MATHIAS MEMORIAL AWARD**

(Print or type all information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

County: (circle one) Fayette County                      Westmoreland County

High School Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Contact Person's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank/class size)

Attendance: 9<sup>th</sup> grade \_\_\_\_\_ 10<sup>th</sup> grade \_\_\_\_\_  
11<sup>th</sup> grade \_\_\_\_\_ 12<sup>th</sup> grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parents/legal guardians and  
occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you know anyone who is a member of QDMA?  
(names) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**To which colleges, universities, career/technical schools have you applied and/or been accepted?**

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**Which school will be attending? (name of school, address, phone number)**

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**Please list extracurricular activities, volunteer work, hobbies, part-time jobs, and/or awards received during your high school career (attach additional page if needed):**

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**List your college/technical school major and explain how it related to the guidelines (attach additional page if needed):**

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**What would you like the committee to know about you (200 words or less-attach additional page if needed):**

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**Essay (attach to application-type essay): select from the following topics-300 to 500 words.**

- **Why I like the outdoors and how it has improved my life.**
- **How I will use my educational major after graduating college/tech school to improved wildlife and/or the outdoors.**
- **What I have done in my life to date that supported efforts to make the outdoors a better place for wildlife and/or everyone.**
- **Who has been a role model for you related to the outdoors and how have they impacted your life and views of the outdoors.**

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**